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FILED FIRST CLAIM

Daniel Freeman Got Homestead
Number One.

As a Soldier in Nebraska in 1862 He
Took Advantage of the Law Im-
mediately After It Went
Into Effect.

Lincoln, Neb.—When Daniel Free-
man filed on the first free home pro-
vided for free men, at one minute past
twelve o'clock on the morning of Jan-
uary 1, 1863, he inaugurated the his-
tory of homestead entries, which have
since developed the western prairies
into the heart of American agricul-
ture. The Freeman home is at Brown-
ville, Neb., on the quarter-section of



Freeman and His Home.

land for which the first patent was is-
sued. He always regarded this old
patent as one of the most interesting
and valuable relics of American his-
tory. Its face indicates that Freeman
made entry No. 1, his proof of resi-
dence was No. 1, his patent is No. 1,
recorded on page No. 1 of book No. 1.

Freeman's name is linked with that
of Galusha A. Grow of Pennsylvania,
once speaker of the lower house of
congress, and whose maiden speech in
the house was on the subject of
"Man's Right to the Soil." That speech
was made in 1852, but it was not until
ten years later that he was able to see
his measure, the homestead law, re-
corded in the statute books.

Freeman at that time was a young
soldier, detailed to perform a secret
mission at Brownville, Neb., where the
first United States land office was
opened. The presence of many pro-
spective settlers awaiting the opening
January 1, 1863, of the land office, to
take advantage of the homestead law,
attracted Freeman to the idea of se-
curing a free home. On December 30,
however, he was ordered to report
in St. Louis for a new assignment. To
add to his troubles, January 1 was a
legal holiday. The young soldier,
nothing daunted, sought out James
Bedford, who had charge of the gov-
ernment land office, and told him his
troubles. Bedford agreed to sign the
filing papers following the stroke of
midnight the following night if Free-
man could secure the consent of other
prospective settlers to waive their
right to make entries until the fol-
lowing day. All day December 31
Freeman sought out the settlers and
secured their consent to the scheme,
in order that he might get away New
Year's morning. There was a dance
at the town hall in the evening and at
midnight all the young Beau Brum-
mels repaired to the land office to
see Uncle Sam's soldier become the
first homesteader. The papers already

had been made up and were signed
just after twelve o'clock. Freeman
started at once for St. Louis and was
able to visit the land but twice dur-
ing the next three years, the law mak-
ing special provision for soldiers.

In 1865 Freeman laid down his arms
and took up the peaceful pursuit of
agriculture on his claim. He built a
log cabin as the first structure on the
farm. On an adjoining claim lived a
young woman with whom Freeman
had become acquainted during his pre-
vious visits, and when the cabin was
completed they were married and
moved into the new home. Freeman
was energetic, and from an open prairie
homestead the quarter section was
developed into the finest farm in Gage
county. Additional land was pur-
chased and Freeman became wealthy.

TYPIST IS OF ROYAL BLOOD

Third Lady of England Proves Her
Interest in the Writing Machine
to Be Real.

London.—Even the daughters of
royalty do not scorn knowledge of
useful occupations. Often we read of
pretty and youthful princesses who
have begun the study of some art,
perhaps along domestic lines, cookery
or sewing, or have finished a course
in nursing, or can show a certificate
testifying to their ability in some busi-
ness line. The daughters of the late
King Christian of Denmark, namely
the Queen mother of England, the
Dowager Empress of Russia and the
Duchess of Cumberland, were taught
to make all their own clothes and,



furthermore, to trim their hats. The
Empress of Germany holds that a
knowledge of children, kitchen and
church is to be preferred before all
other accomplishments and other
members of royalty are proud of the
fact that they have provided their
children, as they grew up, with the
means to gain proficiency in any use-
ful line they chose to follow.

The latest student of royal blood in
the business world is the 13-year-old
daughter of King George, Princess Vic-
toria Alexandra. This little lady, the
only daughter in a family of six, be-
came much interested in the type-
writers in daily use where she resid-
ed. There are two lady typists at-
tached to the secretarial staff of Marl-
borough house, which has been the
King's residence, and finally the young
princess declared her enthusiasm and
asked one of them to give her the
necessary instruction that she might
operate a typewriter. She has learned
to use the machine at a fair rate of
speed. Now she plans to assist her
mother, Queen Mary, regularly with
her correspondence. Thus the third
lady in England today, for her grand-
mother ranks second, is an accom-
plished little business woman in at
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you are doing for others, what you
are saying about other people, how
you are behaving to those around
you. If you are behaving kindly and
truly to your neighbor you will not
go far wrong.

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